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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM JENKINS (H)

1. THIS WEEK IS CRITICAL FOR TRADE AGREEMENT IN BOTH HOUSES. SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE HOLDS HEARINGS TOMORROW; HARTMAN, TABOR AND DENT WILL TESTIFY. WE EXPECT FINANCE COMMITTEE ACTION ON AGREEMENT WITHIN THE WEEK. MEANWHILE, OVER IN HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, GREEN'S SUBCOMMITTEE PLANS TO ACT ON THE AGREEMENT WEDNESDAY WITH FULL COMMITTEE ACTION POSSIBLE ALSO THIS WEEK.

2. PROSPECTS HAVE BRIGHTENED CONSIDERABLY BECAUSE OF ENCOURAGING REPORTS ABOUT EMIGRATION TO US AND ISRAEL. VANIK IS HOPEFUL THAT GREEN SUBCOMMITTEE WILL NOW MOVE THE AGREEMENT WITH NO LIMITATIONS ON IT. OVER IN THE SENATE, EVEN SENATOR JACKSON'S OFFICE (RICHARD PERLE) EXPRESSED OPTIMISM

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THAT ROMANIAN PERFORMANCE HAS NOW DEVELOPED THE NECESSARY

MOMENTUM. PERLE OPINED THAT THERE IS NO REASON WHY CON-
GRESSIONAL ACTION CANNOT BE COMPLETED UPON THE AGREEMENT
BEFORE THE AUGUST RECESS. EVEN IF GOR CONTINUES TO BUILD
UP EMIGRATION RECORD, COMPLETION OF ACTION BEFORE AUGUST

RECESS, IN OUR JUDGMENT, REMAINS UNCERTAIN, BUT CONTINUED
IMPROVEMENT IN THE ROMANIAN EMIGRATION PICTURE CERTAINLY
WOULD ENSURE SUCCESSFUL ACTION BY THE EARLY SEPTEMBER
DEADLINE IMPOSED BY THE LAW. KISSINGER

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